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PLEASE TRANSMIT THIS TEXT IMMEDIATELY TO SEN JAVIT'S OFFICE
IN WASHINGTON, FOR PRESS RELEASE AT NOON TUESDAY, JAN 13.
CALL PETER TEELEY TO INFORM HIM IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF
MESSAGE 224-6542. INFORM PETE TEELY AND DON KELLERMAN TO EDIT
THE TEXT FOR RELEASE TO THE PRESS AS THEY SEE FIT.

1. SENATOR JACOB K JAVITS (R-NY), WINDING UP A TWELVE DAY
TOUR THROUGH LATIN AMERICA IN WHICH HE VISITED BRAZIL,
PERU, PANAMA, COLOMBIA, AND VENEZUELA AND MET THE LEADERS
IN THESE COUNTRIES IN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS, SPOKE TODAY IN
CARACAS BEFORE A SPECIAL LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE VENEZUELAN-
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

2. SENATOR JAVITS CALLED FOR A NEW ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP
AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE AMERICAS, AS THE PROPER RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE
AMERICAS.

3. THE SENATOR NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD NOW
EVALUATED ITS ROLE IN DEALING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THAT THE PROPOSALS DETAILED BY
SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST SEPTEMBER WERE THE GOOD
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FAITH EVIDENCE OF THAT POLICY. SENATOR JAVITS NOTED THAT HE

SPOKE WITH SPECIAL AUTHORITY ON THIS SUBJECT AS HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY GROUP WHICH ADVISED THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

4. VENEZUELA'S ACTIVE ROLE IN THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, HE SAID, AND SUBSEQUENT MAJOR ROLE AS A LEADING SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEVELOPING NATIONS HAS MADE HER VIEWS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO THE UNITED STATES.

5. SENATOR JAVITS QUOTE WITH APPROVAL THE STATEMENT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION THAT "THE REALITIES THAT THE WORLD ECONOMY IS A SINGLE GLOBAL SYSTEM OF TRADE AND MONETARY RELATIONS ON WHICH HINGES THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL OUR ECONOMIES...THE UNITED STATES FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME MUST UNITE US, AND NOT DIVIDE US." NOWHERE IS THIS MORE TRUE THAN IN LATIN AMERICA. SENATOR JAVITS ADDED: "I BELIEVE THE UNITED STATES WILL GROW INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN REGIONAL RELATIONSHIPS IN LATIN AMERICA IN A REALISTIC REAPPRAISAL OF ITS ROLE IN THE WORLD CAUSED BY THE DISILLUSIONMENT OF MANY IN THE US WITH CERTAIN ACTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THERE EXISTS AN ENORMOUS FUND OF GOOD WILL TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES IN LATIN AMERICA, IN SPITE OF VARIOUS MINOR IRRITANTS. THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA HAVE GREAT VITALITY AND RESILIENCE, AND SOME HAVE BEEN ALREADY REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL IN ECONOMIC TERMS. ALTHOUGH THE WORLD RECESSION AND THE CATASTROPHIC INCREASE IN OIL PRICES HAS TEMPORARILY DIMINISHED THEIR RATES OF GROWTH, THE FUTURE OFFERS GREAT PROMISE FOR THEIR ECONOMIES.

6. (EXCERPTS FROM SENATOR JAVIT'S REMARKS FOLLOWS):
QUOTE SINCE THE TROUBLES ENCOUNTERED BY THE "NEW DIALOGUE" POLICY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA DUE IN PART TO THE EXCLUSION OF ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA FROM THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES IN THE TRADE ACT, IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD IN ESSENCE A NON-POLICY TOWARDS THIS HEMISPHERE. THE TWO YEARS THAT HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE ENUNCIATION OF THE "NEW DIALOGUE" HAVE SEEN VAST CHANGES OCCUR IN THE WORLD'S ECONOMY, MOST NOTABLY THE SHOCKING INCREASE IN THE WORLD OIL
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PRICES AND DIRECTLY RELATED TO IT, THE WORLD RECESSION, FROM WHICH WE ONLY BEGINNING TO RECOVER. LATIN AMERICA HAS NOT BEEN HIT SO HARD AS OTHER PARTS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD, BUT HERE THE IMPACT IS ALSO BEING FELT IN LOWER GROWTH RATES AND SEVERE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS.

7. QUOTE AT THE SAME TIME THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED A NEW UNITED AND NEW POWER IN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN-

IZATIONS IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO REDRESS THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC BALANCE. UNFORTUNATELY THE SUDDEN EMERGENCE OF OPEC MONOPOLY POWER TO RAISE OIL PRICES WAS THE CATALYST WHICH WELDED THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INTO A UNIFIED POLITICAL FORCE IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT MANY OF THOSE SAME COUNTRIES WERE THE CHIEF VICTIMS OF THAT POWER. NOW THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THEY WILL USE OR ABUSE THIS POWER. ALL THE TRADITION OF THIS HEMISPHERE IS FOR USE, NOT ABUSE. MY VISITS TO OUR FIVE AMERICAN NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES HAS GIVEN ME A MOST VITAL IMPRESSION OF THE VARIETY OF MEANS AND PHILOSOPHIES THAT ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. EACH COUNTRY IS REMARKABLY DIFFERENT, YET IN EACH I FOUND A PROFOUND SENSE OF SHARED DESTINY WITH THE OTHER NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE AND A GREAT WILL TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS IN HARMONY.

8. QUOTE BUT I MUST STRESS THAT THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA ARE NOT INTERESTED IN NEW SLOGANS WITHOUT MEANING; THEY WANT SERIOUS ACTION. YET THIS OCCURS JUST AS UNITED STATES OPINION NO LONGER FEELS IT HAS A DUTY UNILATERALLY TO SEE TO WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IF THERE IS TO BE TRUE EQUALITY AMONG OUR NATIONS, THERE MUST BE GIVE AND TAKE ON BOTH SIDES, NOT THE OLDDONOR-RECIPIENT RELATIONSHIPS OF THE PAST. THE EFFORTS OF VENEZUELA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA AND OTHERS TO AID THEIR AMERICAN NEIGHBORS IN NEW AND CREATIVE WAYS ARE, I BELIEVE, APPLAUDED IN THE UNITED STATES.

9. QUOTE ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES ONE COULD DISCUSS IN THIS CONTEXT OF US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS, I WANT TO SINGLE OUT THREE MAJOR ONES FOR COMMENT: THE PANAMA CANAL, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE ROLE OF PRIVATE INITIATIVE IN ECONOMIC GROWTH.

10. QUOTE THE DESIRE FOR A NEW TREATY ON THE PANAMA CANAL
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UNITES ALL LATIN AMERICANS, AND IS CURRENTLY THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR THE UNITED STATES IN THIS HEMISPHERE. IT IS ALSO A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY FOR THE UNITED STATES TO INAUGURATE A NEW POLICY RELATIONSHIP IN LATIN AMERICA. INTEREST IN THE CANAL CENTERS ON FOUR GOALS: THE CANAL MUST BE OPEN, SAFE, EFFICIENT AND NEUTRAL.
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11. QUOTE I BELIEVE THE STANDARD MUST BE ONE OF PERFORMANCE AND THAT THE FOUR GOALS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A NEW TREATY NEGOTIATED UNDER THE KISSINGER-TACK PRINCIPLES, WHICH PRINCIPLES I SUPPORT.

12. QUOTE ALSO, I AM ENCOURAGED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR A NEW TREATY WHICH THE US SENATE WILL BE ABLE TO RATIFY FROM MY DISCUSSIONS IN PANAMA. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC- AS WELL AS POLITICAL-ISSUE FOR LATIN AMERICA AS MANY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SEND A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF THEIR COMMERCE THROUGH THE CANAL THAN THE UNITED STATES.

13. QUOTE THE ABILITY OF PANAMA AND THE US TO AGREE ON A NEW TREATY WILL SET THE TONE FOR THE FUTURE OF US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS.

14. QUOTE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VARIES SUBSTANTIALLY FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY IN LATIN AMERICA, WITH THE NEWS STORIES OUT OF BRAZIL AND CHILE BEING PARTICULARLY SERIOUS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF US PUBLIC OPINION. CONCERN FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS HAS LED THE US CONGRESS TO DEAL QUITE STRONGLY WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN THE RECENTLY PASSED FOREIGN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION, AND EVEN MORE STRONGLY IN THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE BILL WHICH IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED IN THE SENATE. I DO NOT FEEL THAT THE HEMISPHERE CAN TOLERATE THE ABUSE OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE THEORY THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL STABILITY AND THEREFORE

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OF ECONOMIC GROWTH. THERE IS AN ABSOLUTELY CLEAR CONNECTION BETWEEN RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT,

AND THIS EXPLAINS WHY PEOPLE IN THE US CONSIDER DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS IN THIS OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD TO BE SO VITAL. I SAY THIS WHILE BEING WELL AWARE THAT IT IS OFTEN ARGUED THAT THE UNITED STATES ACTUALLY PREFERS TO WORK WITH AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENTS, BECAUSE OF THE FRIENDLY CLIMATE THEY SUPPOSEDLY OFFER TO US BUSINESS. I REGARD THIS AS THE RESULT OF AN IMPRESSION GIVEN BY A LACK OF POLICY RATHER THAN AS A FACT. THE FACT IS THAT PEOPLE SEEKING HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD FEEL THAT ENLIGHTENED BUSINESS IS THEIR ALLY, AND NOT AGAINST THEM. FOR A CLIMATE OF DENYING HUMAN RIGHTS MUST INEVITABLY BECOME A CLIMATE OF DENYING HUMAN RIGHTS TO BUSINESS AND TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO CARRY ON BUSINESS. THIS CONCEPT WILL GAIN MANY FRIENDS IN THE US FOR THOSE WHO STRIVE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN LATIN AMERICA.

15. QUOTE FINALLY, I WISH TO SPEAK OF THE ROLE OF PRIVATE INITIATIVE AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN LATIN AMERICA. THERE CONTINUES TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL ROLE FOR BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT HERE, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES OVER THE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP THAT WILL BE PERMITTED. US COMPANIES SEEM TO ME TO BE QUITE WILLING TO BE FLEXIBLE ON THE QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP SO LONG AS THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DISCRIMINATION AND THE RULES OF THE GAME ARE SPELLED OUT CLEARLY. THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION REMAINS ONE OF THE GREAT CREATIVE INSTRUMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY OF OUR TIME, AND CAN CONTINUE TO BE SUCH AN INSTRUMENT BECAUSE IT PROMOTES ECONOMIC GROWTH MORE EFFICIENTLY THAN VIRTUALLY ANY OTHER MECHANISM. HOWEVER, SOME COMPANIES HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES CAPABLE OF COMPLETELY REPREHENSIBLE ABUSES IN INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC POLITICAL AFFAIRS, BRIBERY AND OTHER UNETHICAL PRACTICES, WHICH MUST BE STOPPED.

16. QUOTE I FORESEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, UNDER THE AUSPICES ARISING IN PART OUT OF THE WORK OF THE UN GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS STUDYING MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TWO YEARS AGO, OF WHICH I WAS A MEMBER. IN OUR COMMON INTEREST TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN THE AMERICAS WE SHALL CONTINUE TO NEED THE SERVICES OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT, BUT WE MUST ALSO RESPECT THE SOCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AND POLITICAL DECISIONS OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY TO REGULATE THEIR ROLES AND ACTIVITIES. UNQUOTE.
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